



## CITY OF CROWN POINT ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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### NOTICE OF SANITARY SEWER SMOKE TEST

The City of Crown Point will be conducting sanitary sewer smoke testing in your area. The testing helps identify leaks in the sanitary sewer system that may cause problems leading to household back-ups.

During the testing, non-toxic, non staining white smoke will be blown from a manhole into the sanitary sewers and plumbing. Leaks in the sewers, house laterals, and plumbing that would allow groundwater or rainwater into the sewers are identified by the visible smoke leaking from the system.

**THE SMOKE WILL BE EMITTED FROM ANY LEAKING WASTEWATER PIPES OR FITTINGS AT YOUR HOME AND FROM DRY P-TRAPS.** To keep smoke from entering your home through rarely used drains, pour a few glassfuls of water into every floor drain, sink, bathtub, or other fixture with a drain. The water will properly fill the drain trap and prevent the entry of smoke. Faulty plumbing will also allow smoke into your home. The volume of smoke is generally small but noticeable.

IF YOU NOTICE SMOKE ENTERING YOUR HOME, CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE TESTING TEAM WHICH WILL BE STATIONED ALONG THE STREET FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. You may also call the City of Crown Point Engineering Office at 662-3242. The smoke will dissipate more quickly if a window or outside door is opened in the affected area.

The City of Crown Point has contracted with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. to assist with the smoke testing program. Commonwealth employees and City Staff carry identification cards

The smoke used in this testing program is specifically manufactured for this purpose and has been found to be HARMLESS by a team of experts in the fields of industrial hygiene, toxicology, and medicine. Their analysis report states that, "...none of the smoke (tested) appears capable of causing even minor injury to people who may be exposed during controlled use." **The smoke is non-staining and will disappear rapidly without leaving a residue or odor.** Material Safety Data Sheets detailing the properties of the product will be distributed upon request.

Smoke testing will take place weekdays between 8:00am and 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, providing there is no significant rainfall for 24 hours prior to the scheduled testing. Testing will not be performed on the weekends.

If you have questions, please contact:

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